

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 5th February 2012

Echo Ireland

The February issue of Echo Ireland will be going to print in the coming days. You still have time to submit news items, members advertisements etc. for inclusion. Material should be sent to ei4bz at eircom /dot /net

IRTS AGM & Rally 2012

The IRTS AGM, Annual Dinner and Rally this year is hosted by Dundalk Amateur Radio Society at the Fairways Hotel on the weekend of April 21st & 22nd 2012. Please keep your diaries free for this special event in our 80th Anniversary year celebrations.

IRTS Request for Return of Trophies

It is time once again to recall all trophies presented at the 2011 IRTS, AGM in Limerick.

Trophies and Cups can be returned to the IRTS Stand at the Phoenix Radio Club Rally in Coolmine on Sunday 12th February. or to any IRTS Committee Member before end of February 2012.

This will allow for engraving to be done and allow for repairs if necessary.

Early return will be appreciated. Peter EI4HX at ei4hxperimental /at/ eircom /dot/net

Nominations For Awards for IRTS Trophies.

The time is here again for nominations for the several awards for IRTS Trophies that are required from within the membership, this includes the awards for, 1. Service to the Society or to Amateur Radio. Awards in this category can be to members or non-members.

2 Awards for other achievements.

Awards in this category [2] include the 4 and 6 Meter Shields, the SWL Award, and the awards for Quality Construction Projects. These are confined to members only.

When considering your nominations, please refer to previous successful winners as included in www.irts.ie/cgi/awards.cgi

Nominations may be from Clubs or Individuals, must be by post or e-mail, and can be forwarded to the Awards Committee Members, Pat EI2HX and Jim EI4HH, or to Peter Grant EI4HX, Chair of Awards Committee, QTHR, or by e-mail to ei4hxperimental /at/ eircom /dot/ net

Closing date for nominations is 29th February 2012.

IRTS 80th Anniversary

IRTS will be celebrating its 80th anniversary this year 2012. Details of a worldwide contest – CQIR – to take place on Saint Patrick's Day, Saturday 17th March 2012 have just been announced. Full rules and information are available at www.irts.ie/cqir or by email to cqir /at/ irts / dot/ie

Cork Radio Club

Cork Radio Club will meet in the River Room at the Commons Inn, New Mallow Road in Cork City at 8.00 p.m. on Monday next February 6th. Computer logging in the shack will be the theme of the meeting and some popular logging packages will be demonstrated and evaluated. The special call sign EI100T has been issued for the year 2012 to commemorate the 100th sinking of the Titanic and Cork Radio Club members will operate the station from Cobh throughout the year. The main Titanic event will happen over the weekend of April 13/14th and everyone is encouraged to visit the special event station in Cobh. Information on EI100T from Cormac EI4HQ QTHR. Further information on Cork Radio Club is available from Jeremy EI5GM on 083-3317710. Visitors and new members will be very welcome at the Commons Inn on February 6th.

Limerick Radio Club

The Annual General Meeting of Limerick Radio Club will be hold on Wednesday 8 February 2012 in the Limerick Institute of Technology at 7.30pm and all paid up members are requested to attend.

Rally: Limerick Radio Club rally will be held on Sunday March 11th 2012 at the Radisson Blue Hotel on the Ennis Road, Limerick. Doors open at 11am and all the

usual traders will attend. Bring and Buy tables can be ordered from Dermot Gleeson EI2GT.

Practical Wireless

Practical Wireless is celebrating its 80 th anniversary this year. Rob Mannion G3FXD/EI5IW, Editor of PW, will be on the air from his home QTH with the callsign GB80PW on the second Thursday of each month, PW publication day, during 2012 on 7 and 14MHz mainly using s.s.b. and PSK31. Hours of operation will be from 1000 to 1600 UTC. Next Thursday, the 9 th, is the second Thursday in February so have a listen on 7 MHz. IRTS send best wishes to Practical Wireless on the occasion of its 80th year of publication.

Galway Radio Experimenters Club

The Galway Radio Experimenters Club will be holding their next meeting in the Anno Santo hotel in Salthill on Monday 6th of February at 8pm. On the night Enda (ei2ii) will be giving a demonstration on the advantages of computerising the ham shack. Beginning with getting the most from your logging software to propagation prediction and DXClusters. Should anybody wish to have help setting up software please feel free to bring along your laptop on the night. We would like to welcome any interested amateurs, SWLs or indeed anyone with an interest in amateur radio

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The Annual General Meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Monday 27 February at 8:00 p.m. in the Roanmore GAA Club, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. Members are asked to attend and as always, visitors are welcome.

Please note that membership renewals for 2012 are now due. Membership costs 30 Euro and is available at a reduced rate of 20 Euro for pensioners, students and the unemployed. Please pass your payment on to any committee member or you can renew at the AGM on 27 February. Those who paid in November or December are fully paid up for 2012.

For information about the group, visit www.searg.com and you can also follow SEARG on Facebook and Twitter.

DX News

A large group of German operators will be active from Niue Island in the Pacific until 17 February. They are using the callsign ZK2C and can be found on all bands 160 – 6m using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL manager is DL7JAN.

The American military base of Guantanamo Bay on the south-east coast of Cuba will be quite active over the coming month. This separate DXCC entity will see at least 6 stations on the air with the KG4 prefix.

Franco I1FQH will operate as 5V7V from Togo in west Africa until 17 February. He will be mainly found on the low bands and QSLs go via his home call and Logbook of the World.

Two Polish amateurs will activate 3B8GY from Mauritius until 25 February. They will use CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL info is via SP2JMB.

Laci, HA0NAR, and his wife Susanne, HA0SR, will be active as FW0NAR from Uvea Island (aka Wallis, OC-054, DIFO FW-001, WLOTA 0389, WW Loc. AH16VS) between now and February 20th. For updates, watch the FW0NAR Blog page at: fw0nar.blogspot.com

Meanwhile the Mapelo Island DXpedition (call sign HK0NA) continues, with big signals into Europe on many bands. So far there are almost 100 EI call signs in the log, 15, 17 and 20 metres being the best bands to hear HK0NA in Ireland. Not surprisingly, Top Band QSOs to EI have been few and far between, Doug EI2CN and John EI7BA being the only EIs with 160 metre QSOs in the log at the time of writing. The Mapelo Island DXpedition continues until next Friday, 10th February.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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